



Lindenwald Wayside Trail

The Lindenwald Wayside Trail is a three-quarter mile loop trail around the grounds. There are ten outdoor interpretive markers - waysides - which contain information about Martin Van Buren and his Lindenwald farm. The Wayside Trail can be used any time the park is open. The park grounds are open from 7:00am to sunset throughout the year.

Begin in the parking lot and follow the directions in this bulletin for an introduction to the nation’s eighth president as well as an enjoyable walk.



Welcome! If you haven’t already been to the wayside in the parking lot begin here. You will get an introduction to our 8th president and his beloved Lindenwald. From the parking lot proceed left down Old Post Road to the next stop on the right.

Uncovering the Past - Researching the past often involves many disciplines including archeology. Here you can learn what was discovered about Lindenwald from the old north gatehouse site. Continue to the left down the road to the third wayside.

Lindenwald and Old Post Road - See the route of Old Post Road through Columbia County when Martin Van Buren lived here and also learn what a linden leaf looks like. Go across the lawn toward the house to see the next wayside.

A House Transformed - In 1849, Martin Van Buren commissioned Richard Upjohn to redesign and expand the house. The result was the quirky 36-room mansion we see today. Walk back to Old Post Road and continue south to the gatehouse for the fifth wayside.

Farmhands and Fishing - Lindenwald was a large farm of 230 acres. A great deal of farmwork occurred here, but there was occasionally time for leisure. Continue up the carriage path to the hop poles and look for the wayside.

Farm Operations - Discover one of the agricultural experiments conducted at Lindenwald while Martin Van Buren lived here and try to figure out why the farm office had as many doors as it did. The next wayside is ahead of you to the right.

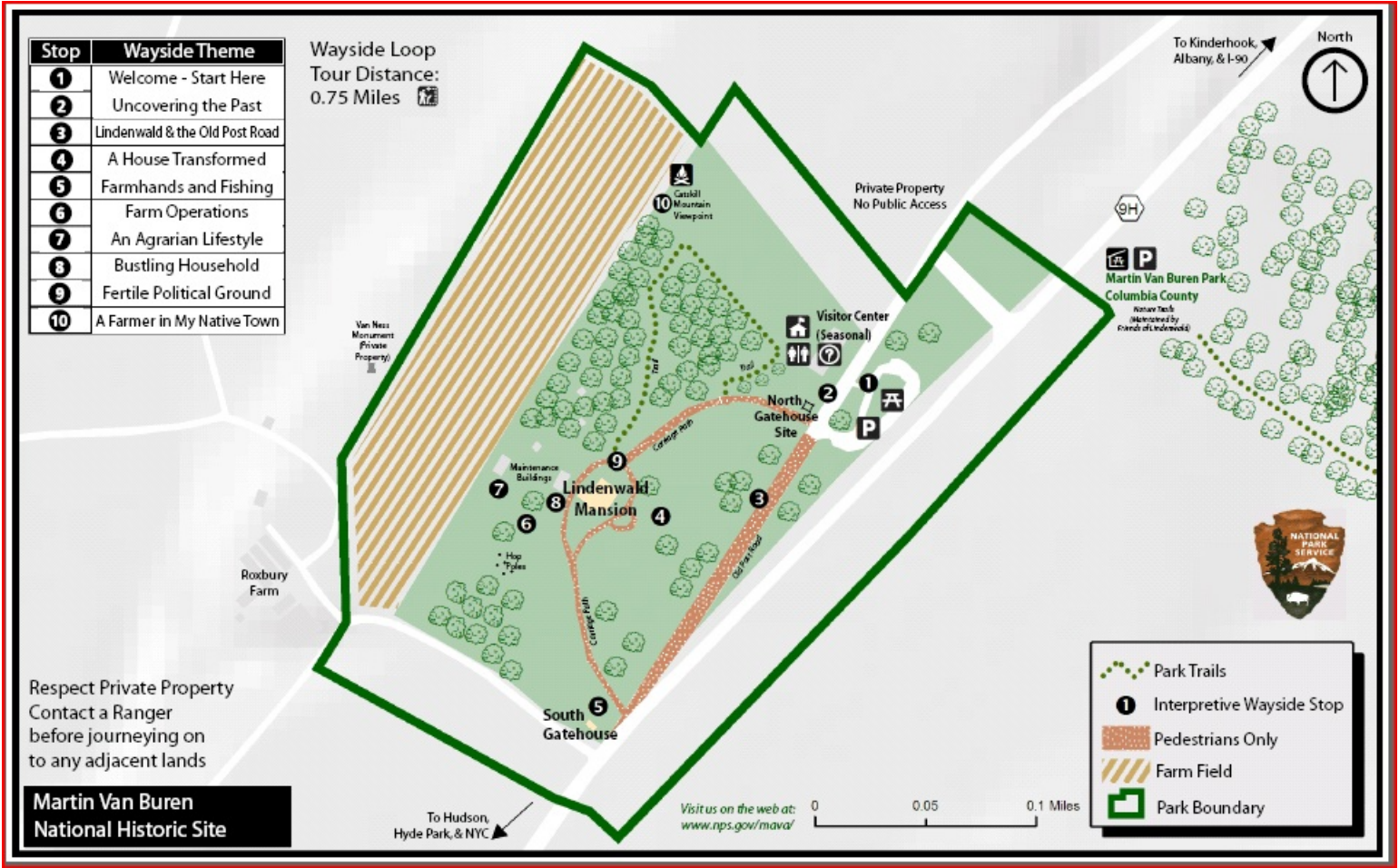
An Agrarian Lifestyle - Much of what was grown at Lindenwald found its way to market in New York City. The fields of Lindenwald are still productive to this day. Across the field in front of you can see the grave of the mansion’s original owner. Turn around and walk over to the rear of the mansion for the next wayside.

Bustling Household - This wayside describes the community of people who lived and worked at Lindenwald. To the left, near the mansion’s north entrance is the ninth wayside.



Fertile Political Ground - Van Buren purchased this property while he was president and he remained politically active for many years after moving here. Follow the path behind you through the woods for 150 yards to the field for the last wayside.

A farmer in my native town - Although he held many prestigious offices throughout his life, Martin Van Buren was most happy while a farmer at home in the beautiful Hudson River Valley.



Use this map of the park to navigate the Wayside Trail.

